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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF SOUDA BAY AGREEMENT

1. STATE AND DEFENSE ARE REVIEWING MATERIAL PROVIDED BY EMBASSY ON NEGOTIATION OF AMENDMENT TO SOUDA BAY AGREEMENT (GREEK DRAFT AMENDMENT AND EMBASSY MEMORANDUM IN RESPONSE), AND CONCLUDE THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT HAVE SURFACED WILL REQUIRE CLOSE INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION OF U.S. POSITION IN WASHINGTON.

2. REQUEST YOU AWAIT STATE/DEFENSE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RESUMING SUBSTANTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH GOG ON THIS SUBJECT. IN MEANTIME, REQUEST EMBASSY AND CINCUSNAVEUR PROVIDE DEPARTMENTS WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND VIEWS RELEVANT TO OUR REVIEW OF AMENDMENT, AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HOMEPORTING, NATO SOFA, MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF U.S.-GREEK RELATIONS.

3. IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THIS REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION CONCERNING SOUDA BAY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD FORECLOSE CONTINUED DISCUSSION AT SERVICE-TO-SERVICE LEVEL ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF ELEFSIS AIRFIELD IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. HOMEPORTING, PROVIDED EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO DIFFICULTY IN PROCEEDING SEPARATELY WITH ELEFSIS DISCUSSIONS WHILE SOUDA BAY AMENDMENT UNDER STUDY HERE. KISSINGER

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